

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2004. Claims 1-13, 16, 19 and 20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12, 19 and 20 have been rejected. Claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 19, and 20 have been amended to further define the scope and novelty of the present invention, to include particular limitations of allowable claim 13, as well as to correct typographical and grammatical errors, in view of the Examiner's comments, to place the claims in condition for allowance. Support for the amendments to the claims 1, 5, 8, 19, and 20 is found throughout the specification, and in particular, in Figure 2, page 4, lines 9-14, and on page 5, lines 14-19. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been presented. Claims 14-15 and 17-18 have been previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-13, 16, 19 and 20 remain pending. For the reasons set forth more fully below, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 13 and 16 are allowable. The Examiner has noted that the prior art fails to show that the setting base comprises "a connector which receives a cable provided with the interface function" and "a cable extending from the connector so as to be connectable to a desktop type computer equipment."

Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 8, 19, and 20 have been amended to also include these features to place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants have included a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the deadline for filing a response by one (1) month, from February 18, 2005 to March 18, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has stated:

Claims 1-12, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Landry et al (US 2003/0021086).

Regarding claims 1-12, 19-20 Landry et al disclose in figure 3, computer equipment having a monitor unit provided with a display screen and a main unit including a control section for controlling the display screen, comprising: an arm 124 for supporting the monitor unit 76 relative to the main unit 74 wherein the arm 124 has an arm width less than a display width of the display screen 76; a first hinge 78 for rotatably connecting the monitor unit 76 to the arm 124; and a second hinge 126 for rotatably connecting the main unit 74 to the arm 124 and a keyboard 90 which is slidably and detachably configured with respect to the main unit 74 wherein an angle, between the first and second hinges, is set up with respect to a predetermined angle between the main unit and the monitor wherein the main unit 74 has a concave portion 134 for storing the arm 124 wherein the concave portion 134 is formed at a part in a width direction of the computer. A first angle adjusting unit interposed between the support portion 124 and the main unit 74; and a second angle adjusting unit interposed between the support portion 124 and the monitor 76 wherein the second angle adjusting unit functions as an opening/closing hinge when the computer equipment is folded wherein the keyboard 90 further comprises input section and is connected to the main unit 74 so that a distance between the input section and the main unit is variable.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections. As stated above, claims 1, 5, 8, 19, and 20 have been amended to include the connector which receives a cable provided with the interface function and the cable extending from the connector so as to be connectable to a desktop type computer equipment. As noted by the Examiner, the prior art fails to teach these features. Therefore, these claims are allowable over the cited reference.

Dependent claims

Dependent claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-12, and 16 depend from amended independent claims 1, 5, 8, and 13, respectively. Accordingly, the above-articulated arguments related to amended independent claims 1, 5, 8, and 13 apply with equal force to claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-12, and 16, which are thus allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 5, 8, and 13.

Conclusion

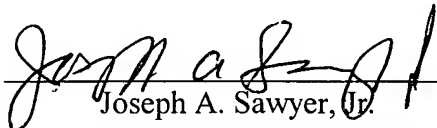
In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-13, 16, 19, and 20 are patentable over the cited reference. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

Applicants' attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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